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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Per MANSSON et al. Confirmation No: 3651
Appl. No. : 10/517,321
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Title : SYSTEM, DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DETECTION
OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL ANALYTES IN A SOLUTION,
AND A DISPOSABLE FLOW CELL FOR USE THEREIN

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Examiner : U. Jung

Docket No.: : MANS3012/REF
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of May 3, 2007, in connection with the above identified application. This response is timely filed.

Applicants begin by noting with appreciation the indication in the outstanding Official Action that the objections to the drawings, the objection to claim 10, the §102(b) rejection of claim 10 over the Kawakami and Luscher references and the provisional non-statutory obviousness type double patenting rejection of claims 10, 12 and 13 over claim 22 of co-pending application no. 10/542,616 in view of the Kawakami reference as set forth in the previous Official Action have been withdrawn.

Turning now to the objections set forth in the Official Action, the Official Action objects to claim 10 due to certain informalities. Specifically, the Official Action urges that the word "an" in line 2 of claim 10 should be moved to precede the term "individually operating". Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10 as it currently stands is correct and the suggested by change as set forth in the Official Action is not necessary. Claim 10 correctly reads "...comprising a connection station (100, 101) for receiving and individually operating an array of piezoelectric crystal microbalances...". The connection station both receives and individually operates the array of piezoelectric crystal microbalances. To modify the claim as proposed in the Official Action would result in the connecting station not individually operating the array of piezoelectric